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NECROLOGY.

WILLIAM HARLESTON HUGER, M. D., a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at his residence, No. 140 Broad Street, Charleston, in the eighty-first year of his age, Monday, December 17, 1906. He had been a sufferer from asthma for many years, and only the remarkable strength of his constitution enabled him to resist as long as he did the severe attacks of grip and asthma from which he suffered.

He was born May 20, 1826, in Charleston District. He was the son of Dr. Benjamin Huger and Miss Harleston. His father was a prominent and successful rice planter and was widely known as a practitioner of great skill and culture, and lived on Richmond plantation, which was located on the eastern branch of Cooper River.

As a youth he attended a private school conducted by Mr. Christopher Coates. After leaving this private school he went to the South Carolina College, from which institution he was graduated in 1846.

After a short vacation he entered the Medical College of South Carolina and studied in the office of Dr. Peter C. Gaillard. After completing a course in medicine he went to Paris to continue his studies. He took a course of lectures and a hospital course in the French capital, his companions there being Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Dr. Cornelius Kollock and his close friend, Dr. Christopher FitzSimons. After finishing his course he returned to Charleston, where he began the practice of his profession, which he continued until his last illness.

When a young man, shortly after his return to Charleston from Paris, Dr. Huger was elected physician

to the Charleston Orphan House, which position he held until the day of his death. He completed a half-century of service as physician to that institution in December, 1904, and on that occasion the board of commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House presented him with a handsome silver berry bowl and appropriate resolutions. The presentation address was made by Dr. J. Somers Buist, who, in the course of his remarks, said :

For fifty years unopposed you have served this institution, an evidence of the esteem and confidence reposed in you by the successive city administrations and boards of commissioners of these periods. Through war and pestilence, cyclone and earthquake, and all the necessities of those stirring periods you have been faithful to the trust imposed upon you and now, in the golden days of your life, you witness the fruition of your success in still being the beloved physician of this institution, honored by all in our community. * * * In asking you to accept of this testimonial we do it with a heart full of love and truth. May it always be to you a connecting link of confidence.

An excerpt from the resolutions presented by the board of commissioners on the occasion of the presentation of the silver berry bowl is as follows :

This learned physician, polished gentleman and faithful steward has done his duty well, and now in the golden year of his professional association, when the shadows are growing longer, we can safely say that he has the love and confidence of us all.

And when the time comes for him to lay down his burden, which we sincerely pray may be long distant, we can say with all truth and sincerity:

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

During the war for State's Rights Dr. Huger was first stationed on James's Island, and was later put in charge of the army hospital in Charleston. After Charleston was evacuated, Dr. Huger was sent to the hospital at Cheraw and afterwards was transferred to Sumter. At one time Dr. Huger served on the board of examiners of soldiers for the army. He was a member of the board of health of Charleston more than twenty-five years.

He was passionately fond of horse-flesh and greatly admired fine stock. For many years he was a steward of the old South Carolina Jockey Club and frequently recalled some of his experiences at the track with no small degree of pleasure.

He married Sabina H. Lowndes, a daughter of Charles T. Lowndes, who survives him.